

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings replaces the original sheet depicting Figs. 7-9. In Fig. 7 axes A, B and widths w, w' have been insert therein.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (Figs. 7-9)

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Allowable claims 18 and 22 have been written in independent form as new claims 31 and 32, respectively.

Claim 16 has been amended to recite that the first and second cutting edges include laterally outermost regions that are spaced farthest from the symmetry plane in a direction perpendicularly thereto, each laterally outermost region spaced from a second plane passing through the hole's center perpendicularly to the center plane.

Thus, in the disclosed preferred embodiment for example, the cutting edges 31 define laterally outermost regions 60 (see the amended version of Fig. 10), which regions are also spaced forwardly from the plane P. In contrast, Storch discloses laterally outermost regions that lie on an imaginary plane passing through the center of the hole 18 perpendicularly to the plane 13, as shown in the attached marked up copy of Storch's Fig. 1. It will be appreciated that the claimed configuration enables the present invention to cut shapes that cannot be cut by Storch's insert.

Furthermore, it is not seen that any of the other references of record provides motivation for re-designing Storch's insert in the presently claimed manner.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 16 is allowable.

New independent claim 30 recites particulars of the stabilizing structure disposed on the bottom side. Also, the description has been amended to provide antecedent basis for language now used in claim 30. It is submitted that such language merely describes in words what was clearly depicted in the original drawings. The stabilizing structure described in claim 30 is neither disclosed nor suggested by Storch.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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